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SUBJECT: INDIA AND THE NPT

1. AT STANLEY FOUNDATION CONFERENCE FOR UN OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH UN SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, INDIAN UN AMBASSADOR RIHKI JAIPAL RAISED AN ALTERNATIVE TO INDIAN ADHERENCE TO THE NPT WHICH IT MIGHT BE WORTH EXPLORING.

2. DURING CONFERENCE TREATMENT OF NPT, JAIPAL INTERVENED TO STATE STANDARD INDIAN OPPOSITION TO NPT. JAIPAL THEN CONTENTED THAT ENTIRE DEBATE ON NON-PROLIFERATION WAS MISPLACED. NON-NUCLEAR STATES DID NOT FEAR THAT NUCLEAR STATES WOULD ATTACK THEM. THEY THEREFORE NEEDED NO SECURITY GUARANTEES. NOR DID NUCLEAR STATES NEED TO WORRY ABOUT NEAR-NUCLEAR STATES JOINING THEIR RANKS BECAUSE IT WAS SIMPLY TOO EXPENSIVE FOR THEM TO COMPETE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELABORATE DELIVERY SYSTEMS.

3. WITH PAKISTANI UN AMBASSADOR AT HIS SIDE, HE ADDED
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THAT THE REAL DANGER WAS THAT A NEAR-NUCLEAR STATE WOULD DEVELOP A CRUDE ATOMIC BOMB WHICH COULD BE USED AGAINST ONE OF ITS NEIGHBORS. IN THIS REGARD THERE WERE OTHER WAYS TO HANDLE THIS PROBLEM BESIDES THE NPT. HE SUGGESTED A NEW INSTRUMENT UNDER WHICH STATES LIKE INDIA WOULD AGREE TO NON-ACQUISITION, NON-TRANSFER AND NON-PLACEMENT OF ATOMIC WEAPONS ON THEIR NATIONAL TERRITORY

BY OTHERS.

4. COMMENT: JAIPAL IS FORMER INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO IAEA AND FOLLOWS NUCLEAR ISSUES CLOSELY. HIS INTERVENTION, UNDER CONFERENCE GROUND RULES, WAS A PRIVATE ONE. NEVERTHELESS, WHEN BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE ON LAST DAY ASKED WHETHER REFERENCE TO JAIPAL SUGGESTION COULD BE MADE IN FINAL REPORT, JAIPAL DID NOT OBJECT. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WORTH EXPLORING JAIPAL'S CONCEPT WITH HIM IN NEW YORK. JIM LEONARD ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE. CONSEQUENTLY, HE WOULD HAVE PERFECT EXCUSE TO PROBE THIS ISSUE MORE DEEPLY WITH JAIPAL IF YOU THOUGHT IT WORTHWHILE. THOMPSON

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